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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Director for  
Planning and Coordination

SUBJECT: The Intelligence Advisory Committee

REFERENCE: Progress Reports of the IAC Agencies to  
the NSC and of Six Interagency Committees  
to the IAC (in notebook, attached)

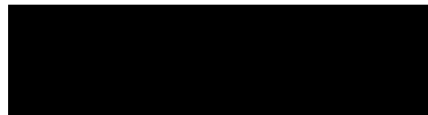
1. The IAC is established by NSCID-1 (paragraph 1) and operates under procedures established by DCID-1/1.
2. The Committee now meets every Tuesday at 10:45 a.m. in the Director's Conference Room. Beginning with the first meeting under General Smith (20 October 1950), the business of the Committee has been reflected in agenda (the IAC-"A" series), minutes (the IAC-"M" series) and documents (the IAC-"D" series). The bulk of the Committee's time in session is devoted to considering and adopting national estimates, but all members understand, and Mr. Dulles recently reaffirmed, that they are free to bring before the Committee any question affecting the intelligence community, as well as estimates. Much of the business of the Committee is conducted out of session by the consideration of circulated documents. (In its first 140 weeks, the IAC considered 150 estimates and 149 documents). The Secretariat has been continuously furnished by OIC, Mr. Reber serving as Secretary from October 1950 to November 1952 and [REDACTED] 25X1A9a from that time since.
3. Over the past six years, the IAC has established ten interagency committees to handle various aspects of intelligence. These groups, listed in the front page of the attached notebook, are responsible to the IAC and provide a mechanism for discharging some of the community's business short of the IAC.

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4. Apart from these and in addition, each agency maintains a staff, of varying size and internal location, whose members are readily available for informal consultation, singly or together, on any intelligence coordination problems. The efforts of these officers are often productive of interagency recommendations to the IAC which that Committee can consider with a minimum of original inquiry (e.g., the Semi-Annual Status Report to the NSC on the Foreign Intelligence Program, the current version of which is included in the attached notebook).



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